



# MINUTES

## Special Council Meeting

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**6.00pm Wednesday 6 November 2019**

**VENUE:**  
**Bannockburn Shire Hall**  
**Council Chambers**  
**12 High Street, Bannockburn**

NEXT ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING  
6.00pm Tuesday 26 November 2019

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**MINUTES OF GOLDEN PLAINS SHIRE COUNCIL  
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD AT THE BANNOCKBURN SHIRE HALL, COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 12 HIGH STREET,  
BANNOCKBURN  
ON WEDNESDAY, 6 NOVEMBER 2019 AT 6.00PM**

**PRESENT:** Cr Helena Kirby, Cr David Evans, Cr Joanne Gilbert, Cr Nathan Hansford, Cr Des Phelan, Cr Les Rowe, Cr Owen Sharkey

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Eric Braslis (CEO), Steven Sagona (Acting Director Assets and Amenity), Philippa O'Sullivan (Director Corporate Services), Lisa Letic (Director Community Services), Candice Robinson (Corporate Governance and Risk Coordinator)

### **ASSUME THE CHAIR**

Eric Braslis, Chief Executive Officer assumed the Chair as temporary Chairperson until such time the Mayor is elected.

### **1 OPENING DECLARATION**

We the Councillors of Golden Plains Shire declare that we will undertake, on every occasion, to carry out our duties in the best interest of the community and that our conduct shall maintain the standards of the code of good governance so that we may faithfully represent and uphold the trust placed in this Council by the people of Golden Plains Shire

### **2 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY**

Council acknowledge the traditional Wadawurrung owners of the land where we meet today. Council pays its respects to Wadawurrung Elders both past and present and extends that respect to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People who are part of Golden Plains Shire.

### **3 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

Nil.

### **4 DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

Eric Braslis, Chief Executive Officer advised that Section 79(1)(b) of the Local Government Act provides for a number of exemptions in relation to declarations of conflicts of interest.

One of these exemptions relates to the election of the Mayor. Because tonight is the Special Meeting held for the purpose of electing a Mayor, in accordance with section 71 of the Act, there is no need for any declarations of Conflicts of Interest to be made tonight.

Additionally, while the Local Government Act does not address the position of Deputy Mayor, we will be applying the same principles as per the Mayor.

## 5 BUSINESS REPORTS FOR DECISION

### 5.1 OUTGOING MAYORAL SPEECH

#### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The 2018/19 Mayor to provide an overview of the year as the Mayor.

Cr Owen Sharkey, Mayor 2018/19 addressed the meeting.

#### RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Joanne Gilbert

Seconded: Cr Nathan Hansford

That Council note the outgoing Mayoral speech from Cr Owen Sharkey, Mayor 2018/19.

**CARRIED**

### 5.2 TERM OF MAYOR

#### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to resolve on the term of the Mayor and Deputy Mayor for 2019/20. Under the *Local Government Act 1989*. Council may elect a Mayor and Deputy Mayor for a term of either one (1) or two (2) years. However to align with the current Council term ending in October 2020 and the forthcoming Council elections in October 2020, the term of Mayor and Deputy Mayor for 2019/20 must be one (1) year.

#### RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Les Rowe

Seconded: Cr Joanne Gilbert

That Council resolves that the Mayor and Deputy Mayor for 2019/20 be elected for a term of one (1) year.

**CARRIED**

### **5.3 ELECTION OF MAYOR**

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

To elect the Mayor of Golden Plains Shire Council for 2019/20. In accordance with *Golden Plains Shire Council Law No. 1 2019* nominations for the position of Mayor are required to be submitted in writing to the Chief Executive Officer by the date and time fixed by the Chief Executive Officer.

The Chief Executive Officer to advise of the nominations for the position of Mayor 2019/20.

The election shall take place in accordance with the process under the *Golden Plains Shire Council Local Law No. 1 2019*.

#### **Nominations**

Eric Braslis, Chief Executive Officer advised that in accordance with Council's *Local Law No. 1 of 2019 Council Meeting Procedures & Common Seal* that at the close of nominations, three (3) nominations had been received for the position of Mayor of the Golden Plains Shire Council for the 2019/20 term.

#### **Cr David Evans**

Moved: Cr David Evans

Seconded: No Secunder

Cr David Evans was eliminated due to absence of a seconder.

#### **Cr Owen Sharkey**

Moved: Cr Owen Sharkey

Seconded: Cr Joanne Gilbert

#### **Cr Nathan Hansford**

Moved: Cr Nathan Hansford

Seconded: Cr Helena Kirby

Eric Braslis, Chief Executive Officer invited each of the candidates to address the meeting.

Cr Owen Sharkey addressed the meeting.

Cr Nathan Hansford addressed the meeting.

Eric Braslis, Chief Executive Officer put the matter to the vote by a show of hands.

Cr Owen Sharkey 4 votes

Cr Nathan Hansford 3 votes

A majority of Councillors voted to elect Cr Owen Sharkey as Mayor of the Golden Plains Shire Council for 2019/20.

#### **RESOLUTION**

That Council duly elects Cr Owen Sharkey to be the Mayor of the Golden Plains Shire Council for 2019/20.

**CARRIED**

## **ASSUME THE CHAIR**

Cr Owen Sharkey, Mayor assumed the Chair for the remainder of the meeting.

### **5.4 INCOMING MAYORAL SPEECH**

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The 2019/20 Mayor to provide an overview of the year ahead.

Cr Owen Sharkey, Mayor 2019/20 addressed the meeting.

#### **RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr Joanne Gilbert

Seconded: Cr Des Phelan

That Council note the incoming Mayoral speech from Cr Owen Sharkey, Mayor 2019/20.

**CARRIED**

### **5.5 ELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR**

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

To elect the Deputy Mayor of Golden Plains Shire Council for 2019/20. In accordance with *Golden Plains Shire Council Law No. 1 2019* nominations for the position of Deputy Mayor are required to be submitted in writing to the Chief Executive Officer by the date and time fixed by the Chief Executive Officer.

The Chief Executive Officer to advise of the nominations for the position of Deputy Mayor 2019/20.

The election shall take place in accordance with the process under the *Golden Plains Shire Council Local Law No. 1 2019*.

#### **Nominations**

Eric Braslis, Chief Executive Officer advised that in accordance with Council's *Local Law No. 1 of 2019 Council Meeting Procedures & Common Seal* that at the close of nominations, one (1) nomination had been received for the position of Deputy Mayor of the Golden Plains Shire Council for the 2019/20 term.

#### **Cr Joanne Gilbert**

Moved: Cr Joanne Gilbert

Seconded: Cr Des Phelan

Being the only nomination received Cr Joanne Gilbert was elected as Deputy Mayor of the Golden Plains Shire Council for 2019/20.

#### **RESOLUTION**

That Council duly elects Cr Joanne Gilbert to be the Deputy Mayor of the Golden Plains Shire Council for 2019/20.

**CARRIED**

## **5.6 INCOMING DEPUTY MAYORAL SPEECH**

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The 2018/19 Deputy Mayor to provide an overview of the year ahead.

### **RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr Les Rowe

Seconded: Cr Nathan Hansford

That Council note the incoming Deputy Mayoral speech from Cr Joanne Gilbert, Deputy Mayor 2019/20.

**CARRIED**

## **5.7 COUNCIL DELEGATES 2019/20**

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

To determine the appointment of Councillors and officers to various internal and external organisations and committees for 2019/20.

### **RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr Les Rowe

Seconded: Cr Nathan Hansford

That Council appoints Councillor delegates to the various internal and external organisations and committees for 2019/20 as shown in Attachment 1 (Amended).

**CARRIED**

## **5.8 COUNCIL AND AUDIT COMMITTEE MEETING DATES 2020**

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

To confirm the dates for Council and Audit & Risk Committee meetings.

### **RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr Joanne Gilbert

Seconded: Cr Des Phelan

That Council adopt the meeting schedule for the 2020 Ordinary and Special Council meeting and the Audit & Risk Committee.

**CARRIED**

**The Meeting closed at 6.38pm.**

**The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 26 November 2019.**

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**MAYOR CR SHARKEY**